REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for the continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat Office (April 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted

   i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, previously filed on <u>February 4, 2005</u>.
     (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

   ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

   iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed
   i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
   ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
   iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
   iv. ☒ Other <u>Petition for Extension of Time (one Month)</u>

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2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, and additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.
   i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
   ii. ☐ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
   iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of <u>$910.00</u> is enclosed to cover <u>$790.00</u> for the basic filing fee; and <u>$120.00</u> for a one-month Petition for Extension of Time.

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SIGNATURE BY APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

| Name | **Mel R. Quintos** | Registration No. | **31,898** (atty/agent) |

| Signature | *[signature]* | Date | **March 31, 2005** |

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